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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR REFUND

This is in response to your letter submitted on February 22, 2001 wherein you requested a refund of \$380.00

The request for refund is **DENIED**.

After thorough inspection of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office physical records and Revenue Accounting Management financial records, it is determined that you are not entitled to a refund of \$380.00.

According to our records serial number 09/018,104 was filed with a total of 40 claims with 8 independent claims. Applicant filed a CPA on December 1, 2000. Applicant's deposit account was charged \$180.00 for the additional claims in excess of 20 & \$200.00 was charged to your deposit account for additional claims over 3 independent claims. Applicant suggested in the request for refund that claims 15,16, & 25-40 was canceled. Applicant maybe correct in stating that claims 15, 16 & 25-40 are withdrawn however; these claims are still pending in the application. Please note the office action mailed to applicant on October 8, 1999 indicates on the PTO-326 that claims 1-40 pending although the examiner may have used the language "withdrawn from consideration", this is not considered an authorization to cancel claims.

Please review the attached form PTO-2022 (Claims only Sheet) and the Patent Application Fee Determination Record Sheet.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Merlin

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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